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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Working Group on Berlin (3d Meeting)

The ad hoc working group on Berlin met in Room 6161, New State, at 1400 on 24 November 1958. Among those present were the following:

- Mr. Foy Kohler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs
- Mr. Martin Hillenbrand, Director, Office of German Affairs
- Mr. Edward L. Freers, Director, Office of Eastern European Affairs
- Mr. Alfred Vigliani, Deputy Director, Office of German Affairs
- Mr. Richard Service, CIG, USSR Affairs
- Col. E. M. Harris, OSD/ISA
- Adm. F. O'Beirne, Director, J-3, Joint Staff
- Col. J. W. Totten, J-3 Div, Joint Staff

Papers were circulated as had been agreed on Saturday would be prepared. These were as follows:

- a. Possible courses of action.
- b. Current contingency plans.
- c. Negotiations with the USSR on Germany.
- d. []
- e. []
- f. []

Some discussion of these papers ensued, during the course of which the JCS and Defense representatives again emphasized the need for:

- (a) Taking some concrete action.
- (b) []
- (c) []

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In explaining the present situation, Mr. Kohler described the plan of presentation of the proposed note to the Soviet Union. The French had not agreed to the desirability of this and State felt now that the note should go to the FRG in response to the Chancellor's information on his meeting with Soviet Ambassador Gromyko. This is the only concrete communication available to the Western Allies giving Soviet intentions. The French (and the British incline to this) feel we should not approach the USSR on the basis of speeches or news reports. State will approach the two Allies on the new plan at once.

It was agreed to meet again at 1000 on Tuesday, 25 November 1958.

(SIGNED)
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